



National Environmental Performance Track MACT Incentive Fact Sheet March 2005

What is Performance Track?

Performance Track (PT) is a voluntary program recognizing top environmental performance among participating U.S. facilities of all types, sizes, and complexity, public and private. Program members are providing leadership in many areas, including preventing pollution at its source. Members pass a compliance screen and must maintain compliance. They must also implement and maintain an environmental management system, conduct community outreach programs, make good faith efforts toward meeting environmental performance commitments, and submit annual performance reports. In exchange, members receive low inspection priority, public recognition, networking opportunities with other high performers, the development of positive relationships with regulators, and regulatory and administrative flexibility.

Performance Track MACT Incentive

The first PT Rule was published on April 22, 2004 (69 FR 21737). The rule provides an incentive under EPA's Clean Air Act (CAA) that allows sources to submit periodic reports at an interval that is twice the length of the regular period, provided that major sources subject to permits under 40 CFR Part 70 or 71 must report no less than once every six months. For minor sources this means that they may be able to report only once per year instead of twice. The incentive also allows a reduction in the level of detail of required reporting, under some circumstances, for facilities who reduce their emissions below 25 tons/year of aggregate hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) and 10 tons/year of each individual HAP, and that have reduced the level of all HAPs to at least the level of compliance. Additional reporting reductions are also available for these facilities depending on

how the facility meets its requirements. If a facility meets MACT by using technology where there is a technology standard, then the facility may substitute a simplified annual report to meet all the required reporting elements and certify that they are continuing to do so. If a facility meets MACT by using P2 to comply with a technology standard, then the facility may substitute a simplified annual report certifying that they are continuing to do so. If there is a P2 standard and a facility uses P2 to comply and reduces emissions by an additional 50% or greater, then the facility may substitute a simplified annual report certifying that they are continuing to do so. In all cases, the facility must still fulfill all monitoring and record keeping requirements and maintain records demonstrating the veracity of the certification.

As of November 2004, at least 191 member facilities are potentially eligible to take advantage of the rule's CAA provisions.

How Do Members Take Advantage Of This?

- Member facilities should submit a written request to their state permitting authority for permission to reduce their reporting burden.
- Requests should identify the facility and state when the facility would like to take advantage of the incentive, describe the facility's emissions, applicable requirements, and methods for meeting the requirements of the incentive.

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